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Open Forum

"THESE BE THY GODS, OH ISRAEL."

(Published by request.)

From within the portals of the church has come the call to apostasy. Modernism, like an immense octopus, has fastened its slimy arms on many a sanctuary once enshrouded with the light of heaven. Where the truth of the Word was proclaimed in power by the pioneers of Protestantism, there the Sacred Book is degraded, despoiled, defamed by their descendants. The gods of evolution, self-righteousness, false theology, have been fashioned from beneath, have been purchased at the devil's booth by men of the "cloth" and have been established within the sacred bonds of the church. "These be thy gods, O Israel," has sounded forth the challenge of modernism to the Christian church, and like Israel of old, the church is dancing to the jazz of worldliness around the golden calf of apostasy.

The Wesleyan ship and the Calvinistic ship and almost every other church craft have been sailing through the stormy seas of doubt in recent years. The jagged rocks of higher criticism have torn through the massive timbers of faith in God's word. Already the dark waters of doubt are rushing in, while brave men on deck are sounding forth the clarion call for the salvation of the ship. Many a leader in Israel, with the fidelity of a Moses to the faith of our fathers, now stands with tables of the law uplifted as a standard before the people, and sends forth an appeal to repentance. In the November number of Bob Shuler's mag-

azine are words worthy of the sober thought of every lover of the Word of God. Coming as they do from a prominent minister pleading for the salvation of his own church, the following quotations are deeply significant as signs of our times.

"With a grief that would not remain silent, we have watched during recent years the same attack of the faith of our fathers from within the very church they founded. Rationalism was once a horrid name to churchmen. Ministers arose and whetted their swords for battle, for the rationalist was the known and recognized foe of the church. Today the same rationalism is cloaked and gowned, standing within the pulpit and administering in the name of religion. The program of these rationalists is simple: Israel is to be possessed not by an armed invasion. These forces have found a simpler and even more certain way. They have decided to defeat Israel by commanding her. They are becoming her captains, her generals, her leaders.

"We of the Southern Methodist church now find ourselves counting the bishops who are still standing like rocks for the old faith, and we are rather pressed to name more than two or three. . . . Our church is being delivered undoubtedly. There is no great commotion about it. It is silent but sure. It is not a conquest of noise that the foe has planned. It is a gradual and almost unconscious taking over."

The Lord Jesus, in looking down through the centuries to the days just before His second coming, with divine omniscience, pictured the faithlessness of the so-called faithful in these words: "When the Son of Man cometh shall He find faith on the earth?" The faith of our fathers has been well nigh banished from the world—yes, and from the church; for the church these days, with her pleasure seeking, form loving, faithless character, is not far removed from the world. As the leaders of the church have exalted the red flag of rationalism, so the church has lost her power in breaking the bands of sin. As we read of our modern "bishops" crucifying the written word on the cross of infidelity, we are reminded of the days gone by, when the high priests, the bishops of yesterday, rejected the Incarnate Word.

(Continued next week.)

WHY I DO NOT DANCE

(Contributed)

With an inherited love of music and beauty, and with that love somewhat developed by study and practice, I am sure that to dance would be a fascinating pastime for me. I might almost say that I have inherited a

love of dancing itself. But with these natural tendencies, there was, from my earliest years, a training away from the dance. And when I came to the years of choice, from a study of the question myself, I eliminated this form of so-called recreation from my life.

First of all, there was always associated with the dance the thought of questionable companions, of drink, of profanity, and of vice of various sorts. My early years were spent in a mid-west small town, where dances were just dances, though sometimes called "balls" in the reports written for the typical country papers. I knew the young people who attended. I knew their standing in the community. Not all of them came up to a very high ideal in the minds of the most respected classes of the town.

Often the town officials were called in to adjust matters at these dances. We sometimes heard of rough and coarse and sometime criminal conduct. I recall the case of a young woman who wore a striking costume at a masquerade, was very popular during the early part of the night, receiving many requests for dances, but who proved to be, when her mask was removed, a woman of decidedly questionable morals. To me, that seemed to place a very serious question upon the dance hall as a desirable place of amusement for those who treasured good names.

At celebrations, fairs and beaches I have visited, I have caught glimpses of dancers. As a child, I looked upon the dance itself as a beautiful thing, though forbidden—joyous and fascinating. In later years I gained a different impression; and in the last few years, have been thoroughly shocked. First of all the music is only in name; in the second place, the dancer cannot, by the widest stretch of license, be called beautiful—instead, it is brazenly sensuous and suggestive. And, again, I have observed such a lack of the signs of pleasure in the faces and attitude of the dancers that I am convinced that there is little real joy and happiness in it.

So I do not dance. And some way I cannot feel that I have denied a thing of value. Indeed, when I am told that the very men who conduct balls and dancing schools declare that the influence of the dance is evil, that it is debauching the morals of the young and old who take part, I cannot dance, nor can I commend it to others.

MAX HILL.

EXPLANATORY

Editor Journal—In view of the fact that the Rev. Mr. Fleming insists that it is incumbent upon me, as the author of the recent articles in your journal on the subject of usury, to make public my identity, it would seem well to make a statement of the reasons for not doing so.

In the first place, Veritas is well aware of the fact that it is considered extremely bad form from the modern church standpoint to bring this subject to the attention of the public. For this they have excellent reasons, of a kind. While we have done nothing more than to present the Scriptural side of the question, we know that that is sufficient in some places to greatly prejudice the interests of one known to hold such a belief and, being to some extent dependent on those who are engaged in that business, and perhaps not overly pleased with the articles, we must decline to comply with the reverend gentleman's request.

In the second place, it would seem that the question of personality should not be a matter of consequence in a Biblical discussion. My only aim has been to show that usury among believers is an unchristian practice. To inject my personality into it would neither add to, nor detract from, the authority of the Scriptures upon which this matter was settled. The Book is available to all. Let everyone read it for themselves. Don't try to make me responsible for the teachings of Holy Writ. Who I am is of no importance whatever. What the Bible says is the important thing.

However, if Mr. Fleming can show any good reason for believing that the disclosure of my identity would be beneficial to the cause of truth in even the smallest degree, or that my identity has any relationship to the Biblical commands presented, or to the arguments advanced, I will be happy to oblige him with my real name and address, let the consequences be what they may.

I have your assurance, Mr. Editor, that your columns are open to him to any extent he desires to use them.

VERITAS.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at Vale, Ore.,
April 16, 1923.

Notice is hereby given that John H. Wolf of Nyssa, Oregon, who, on June 22, 1908, made desert land entry No. 0817, for NE 1/4 Section 29, Township 20 S., Range 46 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof under the third paragraph of act of March 4, 1915, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver

U. S. Land Office, at Vale, Oregon,
on the 23rd day of May, 1923.

Claimant names as witnesses:
W. L. Glenn, Mrs. W. L. Glenn,
Chas. Bradley, Mrs. Chas. Bradley, all
of Nyssa, Oregon.

Geo. W. McKnight,
Register.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF LAND OWNERS WITHIN WARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the land owners of the Ward Drainage District will be held at the office of the Malheur County Bank in Nyssa, Malheur County, Oregon, on Saturday, the 5th day of May, 1923, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of three supervisors of the said Ward Drainage District.

F. S. SACKETT,
County Clerk of Malheur County,
Oregon.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE IN FORECLOSURE

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION IN FORECLOSURE duly issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Malheur, dated the 9th day of April, 1923, in a certain suit in the said Circuit Court for the said State and County, wherein the Bank of Nyssa, a corporation, was plaintiff, and Tillman A. Huffman, Elroy Huffman, Inger E. Huffman, Jacob Huffman, Barney Wilson and E. C. Wilson were Defendants and the Bank of Nyssa as Plaintiff recovered judgment against Tillman A. Huffman and Elroy Huffman for the sum of \$5000, together with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the 30th day of November, 1920. And the further sum of \$450.00 as attorney fees and for its costs and disbursements herein, taxed at \$65.70. And it was further considered, ordered, adjudged and decreed that the defendant, Jacob Huffman, have and recover off and from the Defendants Tillman A. Huffman and Elroy Huffman, the sum of \$7900, together with interest thereon at the rate of 7 per cent per annum from the 19th day of December, 1918, until paid, and for the further sum of \$650.00 as attorney fees and for his costs and disbursements herein.

And it was further considered, ordered, adjudged and decreed that Defendants, Barney and E. C. Wilson, have and recover off and from Defendants, Elroy and Inger E. Huffman, the sum of \$3470.33 Dollars, together with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the 30th day of November until paid, and the further sum of \$275.00 as Attorney fees, and for their costs and disbursements herein, which judgments were entered and docketed in the Clerk's office of said Court in said County on the 22nd day of March, 1923.

Therefore Notice is Hereby Given, That I will on the 12th day of May, 1923, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the North Main entrance door of the Court House, at Vale, in said County and State, sell at public auction to the highest bidder or bidders for cash, the following described real property to-wit:

Lot (4) and SE 1/4 SW 1/4 and SW 1/4 of Sec. (7); and Lot (1) and NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Sec. (18), all in Twp. (21) south, Range (46) E. W. M., all in Malheur County, Oregon.

The above real property with its appurtenances taken and levied upon as the property of the said Defendants, Tillman A. Huffman, Elroy Huffman, Inger E. Huffman, Jacob Huffman, Barney Wilson and E. C. Wilson, by virtue of a mortgage given thereon by the above named Defendants, or as much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment in favor of the Bank of Nyssa, Jacob Huffman, Barney Wilson and E. C. Wilson, together with all costs and disbursements that have or may accrue.

Dated this 10th day of April, 1923, at Vale, Oregon.

H. LEE NOE, Sheriff.
Date of first Pub. April 13, 1923.
Date of last Pub. May 11, 1923.
Date of Sale May 12, 1923.

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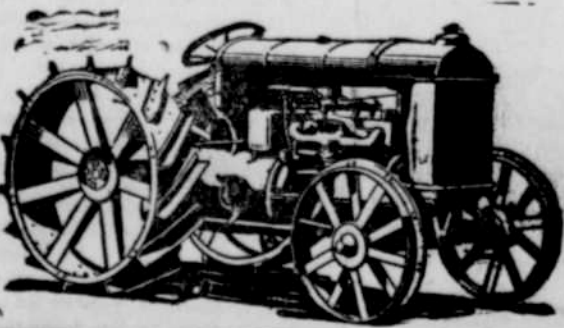


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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

MALHEUR COUNTY BANK

At Nyssa in the State of Oregon at the Close of Business
April 3, 1923.

RESOURCES

1. Loans and discounts, including rediscounts shown in items 29 and 30 if any.....	\$276,437.93
2. Overdrafts secured and unsecured.....	281.46
3. U. S. government securities owned, including those shown in items 30 and 35, if any.....	3,722.80
4. Other bonds, warrants and securities, including foreign government, state, municipal, corporation, etc., including those shown in items 30 and 35, if any.....	7,822.36
5. Banking house, \$6046.57; furniture and fixtures, \$4744.20.....	10,790.77
6. (ab) Cash on hand in vault and due from banks, bankers and trust companies designated and approved reserve agents of this bank.....	55,269.86
7. Checks on banks outside city or town of reporting bank and other cash items.....	404.50
8. Total cash and due from banks, items 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 \$55674.36	
9. Other assets, if any, items in transit.....	955.74
Total.....	\$355,685.12

LIABILITIES

16. Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 25,000.00
17. Surplus fund.....	25,000.00
18. (a) Undivided profits.....	\$14,978.27
19. (b) Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid.....	4,902.76
20. Individual deposits subject to check, including deposits due the State of Oregon, county, cities or other public funds.....	169,073.57
21. Cashier's checks of this bank outstanding payable on demand.....	542.60
22. Total of demand deposit, other than bank deposits, subject to reserve, items 23, 24, 25, 26.....	\$169,616.17
23. Time certificates of deposit outstanding.....	100,993.44
24. Total of time and savings deposits payable on demand or subject to notice, items 27 and 28.....	\$100,993.44
25. Bills payable with federal reserve banks or with other banks or trust companies.....	25,000.00
Total.....	\$355,685.12

STATE OF OREGON, County of Malheur, ss.
I, J. P. Dunaway, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CORRECT—Attest: John Ray, G. L. Phillips, J. F. Race
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of April, 1923.

E. M. BLODGET, Notary Public.
My commission expires Dec. 7, 1924.